

## MINUTES

### Health Information Technology and Transparency Advisory Board and Ad Hoc Expert Meeting

Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) Conference Center  
Room 119 B  
February 21, 2007  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

#### Members Present

Jeffrey Broka	James Bearden	James Buehler
Robert Bush	Dr. Jack Chapman	Tod Citron
Monye Connolly	R. Scott Leavell	Patricia Massey
Dr. William McClatchey	Doug Moses	Glenn Pearson
Dr. Winston Price	Dr. Louvenia A. Rainge	Gayle Ransom
Sonya Smith	Dennis L. White	Russell Williams
William Zimmermann		

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Chairperson Russell Williams called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., at the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) Conference Center located at 250 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30318. A quorum of the Board was present. The Chair specified that the Standing Committee meetings would commence and the Health Information Technology and Transparency (HITT) Advisory Board would reconvene later to conduct General Business.

The Board reconvened at 3:15 p.m. Chairperson Williams expressed thanks for the Standing Committee guest speaker presentations during the meeting.

Chairperson Williams motioned the January 17, 2007 meeting minutes be approved, the motion was seconded and approved.

General Counsel Charemon Grant of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) briefed the Board regarding the Governor's Executive Order on Health Care Transparency i.e., the public reporting on the price and quality of care, etc.

The Chair indicated the HITT Board Amended By-Laws will be deferred for approval at the March 21, 2007 meeting.

#### HIE Standing Committee Summarization

Ms. Patricia Massey reported to the Board the committee planned to invite an expert in privacy and security expert and an individual experienced in HIE implementation for the next meeting.

The HIE Committee proposed a two-day Board Retreat in Athens, Georgia during April 2007.

Chairperson Williams suggested the Board compose progress reports for Governor Sonny Perdue and DCH Commissioner Dr. Rhonda Medows.

Transparency Standing Committee Summarization

Mr. Wayne Oliver acknowledged the guest speakers who gave presentations on the Georgia Hospital Association (GHA) consumer web site on price and quality, the Florida's Transparency web sites and the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) Online Analytical Statistical Information System (OASIS) Program web site on data collection and mapping programs.

The committee set goals to establish a timeline for creating Transparency Sites (i.e., discussed site image, contents, etc.). The committee identified hospitals, pharmacies and long-term healthcare facilities as the first three (3) areas to address "content"; ensuring information is readily available and consumer-friendly.

Chairperson Williams requested the Board consider a more moderate meeting timeframe and invited suggestions. It was recommended the Board conduct a "working lunch" at the March 21, 2007 meeting.

There being no further business the Health Information Technology and Transparency (HITT) Advisory Board Meeting of February 21, 2007 was adjourned by Chairperson Williams at 3:35 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE  
\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Russell J. Williams, Chairperson

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Chris Downing, Vice Chairperson